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Request for Additional Information Regarding Anaconda Superfund Remediation Trails

Program

Chairman McNutt and Members of the Long-Range Planning Committee:

This e-mail is in response to a question from Rep. Jon Sesso regarding Anaconda-Deer Lodge County's (ADLC) request for \$300,000 from the DNRC-RDGP for ADLC's Superfund Remediation Trails Program. Specifically, Rep. Sesso pointed out that the funds ADLC are requesting and the proposed match only consisted of \$365,000 and that construction of Trail W is estimated at \$487,112 and Trail V at \$917,836. Rep. Sesso specifically asked if ADLC has the funds necessary to complete one or both of these trails.? ADLC has the funds necessary to complete Trail W. ADLC would increase its match from \$65,000 to 187,112. The matching funds will come out of Federal Highway funds that have been awarded to ADLC for impacts from the placement of the Milltown Tailings at the Opportunity Ponds. The Federal Highway funds can only be used for transportation enhancements, parks, and river access. ADLC identified the development and construction of the Beaverdam Park in Opportunity as its top priority. The Beaverdam Park project will be constructed this summer. Remaining funds will be used for trail development with Trail W being the next priority. ADLC is working with the Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT) to complete this project. ADLC does not <u>ba</u>ve all of the funding necessary to complete Trail V but could complete a portion of it. Both of these trails identified in ADLC's Park and Trails Master Plan and are integral to this development.

Please note that most development within Anaconda, Opportunity, East Valley, and portions of the West Valley have been impacted by mining and smelting waste. This project allows ADLC to clean up a portion of the area and add a much needed enhancement for the public. This project helps ADLC in overcoming its relegated mining-smelting waste repository from Butte to Missoula and helps it become a healthy, vibrant community that is the gateway to an outdoor recreation mecca.

I would be happy to address any other questions or provide you with additional information you may need. Thank you Mr. Chairman for the opportunity to address the Long-Range Planning Committee and to provide you with this additional information.

Respectfully, Connie Ternes Daniels

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